News from New-England:

IN

A LETTER Written to a Perſon of Quality, wherein is a true Account of the preſent State of that Countrey, with reſpect to the late REVOLUTION, and the preſent War with the *INDIANS* there.

Together with a RELATION of

A Late and Bloody Fight

BETWEEN

The *ENGLISH* and the *INDIANS*, wherein the latter were Routed:

AS ALSO OF

A Pretended Miracle of the *French Jeſuits* in that part of the World.

Licens'd *Febr.* 27. 1689. *R. E.*

Worthy Sir,

THat you may not be impoſed upon by falſe *Accounts*, which I perceive ſome Ill Men do with a malicious Deſign induſtriouſly promote, concerning *the preſent State of* New-England; I have thought it my Duty to Communicate to you what Intelligence I have received from thence.

You may pleaſe to be Informed, that above a year ago, whilſt Sir *E. A.* who acted by an Illegal and Arbitrary Commiſſion, under the late King *James*; was executing his Tyranny (as by their Declaration publiſhed at *Boſton*, *April* 18th. 1689. does more fully appear) over the People of *New-England*, the *Indians* in that part of the World began a War upon them.

Thoſe *Indians* affirmed (how truly God knows) that they were encouraged ſo to do, not only by the *French*, who inhabit that Continent, but by Sir *E. A.* that ſo they might deſtroy King *James* his Enemies. A ſmall party of *Indians* began the War, ſome of which were ſeized by the *Engliſh*; but Sir *E.* ſet them at liberty, with many favours, which did not a little augment the Jealouſies of the People; and it is ſaid theſe very *Indians* have done a great part of the Miſchief ſince ſuſtained by the Inhabitants there. Whilſt theſe things were a doing, Sir *E. A.* did all that poſſibly he could to keep People Ignorant of Affairs in *England*: Yea, ſome were impriſoned for diſperſing the Prince of *Orange*'s Declaration, which was ſtyled by ſome a *Seditious Pamphlet*, tending to *Rebellion*. This, notwithſtanding the Prince his Declaration, (Intelligence from *England* at the ſame time alſo arriving, that in *Hull*, *Dover*, &c. the Illegal Governours were ſeized on) did ſo Inſpire and Animate great multitudes of People, as that they ſecured Sir *E.* and his Arbitrary Complices, who had been their Oppreſſors, reſerving them for ſuch Puniſhment as *the King and Parliament of* England ſhould think meet for them: And this they did that all the World might ſee they acknowledge a dependance on *England*, as by their Charters they are obliged.

They ſuppoſed thoſe Perſons to be great Criminals, who had either proſecuted *Quo Warranto's* againſt their *Charters*, or pretended Surrenders when there were none, or had levied Moneys on the Kings Subjects, without any conſent of the People, or of their Repreſentatives; and this too in thoſe Colonies, againſt whoſe Charters no Judgment was entred, or legal Surrenders made, but an Arbitrary Power ſet over them.

On the firſt notice of his preſent Majeſty (then Prince of *Orange*) his Declaration, before ever they knew what the Event of things would be, they readily Embarqued themſelves in that Glorious Cauſe which is for *Religion*, *Liberty*, *and Property*.

And immediately upon their hearing that the Prince was King of *England*, they did with the greateſt Alacrity Proclaim him their King in *New-England*: And this they did of their own accord, without any Order from hence requiring it of them.

After this (as Letters from thence inform) the *Indians*, to whom Sir *E. A.* had been ſo favourable, burnt ſeveral (ſome of them conſiderable) Plantations in the Eaſtern parts of the Countrey, killing or taking Captive ſome ſcores of them; of which as yet we have not a full and particular Account: Alſo the Fort of *Pemmaquid* being deſerted, was ſometime in the hands of the *Indians*; but the Maſter of the laſt Ship that came from *Boſton*, relates, That now there are neither *Indians*, nor *French*, nor any other in that Fort, it being demoliſhed by a *Dutch* Privateer, who was lately on that Coaſt, and has taken away the Guns which were in it.

'Tis alſo credibly reported, That the *New-Englanders* had a Fight with the *Indians* in *September* laſt: And that their Enemies were Routed, not one *Indian*-Enemy to be ſeen or heard of for ſix weeks before the laſt Veſſels came from thence.

In a Letter from *Boſton*, *October* 16. 1689. written by a good hand, are theſe words, "The *Indi-*
"*ans* do now and then ſome hurt in our Plantations,
"but of late little, for there is an Army of *Eng-*
"*liſh*, with two or three hundred of our Friend-*In-*
"*dians* gone out againſt them, and have beaten
"them. Alſo there is an Army of other *Indians* call-
"ed *Mohawks*, which are going out againſt them,
"ſo that in a ſhort time an end may be put to
"this trouble.

Another Letter written by a Perſon worthy of Credit,

Credit, (dated *October* 21.) giveth a further (and indeed a very remarkable) Account of the preſent State of Affairs there, which I have therefore cauſed to be tranſcribed; the words are theſe.

"*Sir*, Among our other Calamities at this day "afflicting of us, we are extreamly intangled by "an *Indian* War, which hath ruined ſome Heathe-"niſh *Engliſh* Plantations in the Northern and Ea-"ſtern Parts of the Conntrey; but we have an Ar-"my now in the purſuit after thoſe Enemies, who "affirm (as our Captives eſcaped from them inform) "that they are encouraged by ſome Gentlemen in *Bo-"ſton*, vigorouſly to proſecute the War upon us. "By a marvellous Providence the moſt Mighty and "Warlike Nation of the *Indians*, namely, the *Mo-"hawks*, who dwell three or four hundred miles to "the Weſtward, are become implacable Enemies "to the *French* of *Canada*, under whoſe Patronage "and Enconragement our *Indian* Enemies do ſhroud "themſelves. Theſe *Mohawks*, which are the Ter-"ror of all about them, have kindly offered to "give a Deſtructive Viſit unto our Enemies, when "their hand's in at the ſlaying of the *French*, whom "they have already ſlaughtered many hundreds "of, and we are every day waiting for the Iſ-"ſue of it.

"'Tis remarkable, That theſe *Mohawks* had been "many of them perverted unto *Popery* by the endea-"vours of the *French Jeſuits* amongſt them; but ſome "while ſince a nored Jeſuit pretended to work a *Mira-"cle* for their Confirmation in the *Roman Catholick Re-"ligion*; and told them, That God was angry at "them for their making no more Demonſtrations of "their Zeal for his Religion: and therefore as a token "of it, ſuch a day the Sun would be black. Before the "day came, the *Mohawks*, many of them, had "opportunity for ſome Converſation with the *Dutch*, "and acquainting them with their Expectations of "this Miracle, the *Dutch* told them, Every Child "amongſt them could foretell as much as that came "to; for an *Eclipſe of the Sun* was to happen on "that day: But (ſaid they) let the Jeſuit make "the Sun black a day before, or a day after, and "then believe all he ſays.

"Hereupon they were ſo terribly diſtaſted at the "Jeſuits going to put a trick upon them, that "they have reſolved to Renounce what little Po-"pery they had, and have ſeriouſly applyed them-"ſelves to ſome Proteſtant Miniſters, whoſe Inſtru-"ctions they ſeem to imbibe with affections that "invite us to conſider upon ſome further Expedi-"ents for their Converſion." Thus that Letter.

There are alſo ſeveral Letters, dated *October* laſt, directed to ſome Perſons of Quality in *London*, from the the Honourable *Simon Bradſtreet*, who is the preſent Governonr at *Boſton* in *New-England*, which inform of the great Devaſtations made by the *Indians* in the Province of *Main*, (that having been the chief Seat of the War) and in *Hampſhire*; and ſome miſchief they have done (tho not much) in the *Maſſachuſetts* Colony: But the three Colonies of *Maſſachuſetts*, *Plimouth*, and *Connecticot*, (which were whilſt they enjoyed their Charter-Government called the *United Colonies*) have by a joynt concurrence ſent out a conſiderable Force againſt the Common Enemy in two Bodies; they could not come to a pitcht Battel with the *Indians*, whoſe manner is to skulk in the Woods, and to do their miſchief by ſeveral Parties. The ſame Honourable Perſon (together with the Council in *Boſton*) writes, that they are not ſecure from an Attack by the *French*, who (as they hear) have conſiderable ſtrength in the *Weſt-Indies*; but by the help of God, they will endeavour to preſerve and defend their Majeſties Intereſt, as well againſt the *French*, as any other Enemies to the Crown of *England*.

Alſo, That ſome in *Albany* fearing an Attack from the *French*, having firſt made their Application to *New-York*, could not be ſupplyed from thence, they ſent to the preſent Government at *Boſton* for Aſſiſtance; and Order has been taken by their Concurrence of the three Colonies for the raiſing of a Company to be ſent to *Albany*, to enforce and ſtrengthen the Garriſon there: For the ſeveral Governments of the Colonies in *New-England*, hold themſelves concerned to intend the ſecurity and preſervation of their Majeſties Intereſt throughout that whole Countrey. And divers particular Perſons (ſuch is their Loyalty and Affection to their preſent Majeſties, King *William*, and Queen *Mary*,) have been willing to advance of their own Eſtates, towards the charge thereof, upon the publick Credit, ſome beyond their Abilities. They moreover write, That ſome Perſons who were concerned in the late unhappy Government, under Sir *Ed. A.* feeling themſelves diſappoitned in their hopes of raiſing their Fortunes upon the ruines of the People of *New-England*, manifeſt their diſaffection, not only to the preſent Government there, bnt in *England* alſo, ſome of them having been ſo impudent as to expreſs their Expectations and Deſires, that the late King *James* would be reſtored again; and have done what they could to Royle the Inhabitants, by raiſing and fomenting falſe Reports concerning the preſent State of Affairs in *England*: But the People (as well as thoſe who are now in Government there) are ſtedfaſt in their Loyalty to their Preſent Majeſties.

This, Sir, is what is come to my hands reſpecting the preſent State of *New-England*. I expect more daily, which when I receive, I ſhall not fail to gratifie your deſires in imparting what may be relyed on as a true Relation: This is all at preſent, from

Sir, *Your Servant.*

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